

CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, December 1, 2023

City News

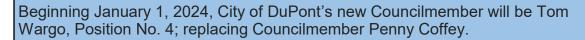




Mayor Frederick presented Councilmember Sonia Garza with a crystal vase and flowers at Tuesday's City Council Meeting. Ms. Garza was appointed to the City Council on November 15, 2021. The Mayor thanked her for her service and dedication to the council, as her term ended upon the election of Shawna Gasak to Position No. 5. Mayor Frederick swore in newly elected Councilmember Shawna Gasak for Position No. 5. This will be Ms. Gasak's third time serving on the City Council. She previously served from 2014-2017 and 2018-2021. The City welcomes Ms. Gasak back to the council.

ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFIED ON 11/28/2023

Beginning November 28, 2023, City of DuPont's new Councilmember will be Shawna Gasak, Position No. 5; replacing Councilmember Sonia Garza.





Councilmember Kevin Ballard was re-elected to Position No. 6 and Mayor Ronald Frederick was re-elected as Mayor both beginning January 1, 2024.

It is with sincere appreciation that the City commends new and outgoing Councilmembers for their dedication to the City Council, a sometimes very difficult role, and wishes them the very best in their future.

Parks and Recreation





2024 Senior Social

Ring in the new year right at the Parks & Recreation New Year Senior Social scheduled for January 26th at the Community Center in Historic Village. The cost is just \$10 and includes lunch, warm drinks, raffles and an opportunity to catch up with friends around town. Please RSVP to City Hall at (253) 964-8121 no later than January 22nd. To simplify the registration process for our seniors, payment will be accepted at the door. (Cash or card) Be sure to bring your friends, we can't wait to see you!

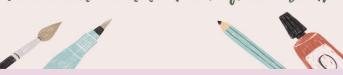
Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)

City of DuPont Parks & Recreation Is currently seeking creative and talented instructors for classes and workshops

We are looking for fun, energetic individuals who would love to teach classes for Parks & Recreation AND earn a little money while doing it!

Questions? Please contact Amy Walker at <u>awalker@dupontwa.gov</u>

We can't wait to hear from you!



Recreation & Activities | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)

2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here: Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)



DuPont Historical Museum





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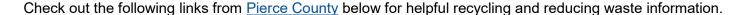
CARDBOARD & GLASS RECYCLING BINS

Cardboard and glass recycling bins are located across City Hall in the gravel lot.

Please NO garbage, lids, corks or styrofoam in these containers.

In the glass container -please ensure the glass has been rinsed with no lids/corks or bags.

In the cardboard container-, please NO packing materials. Also, please be courteous and make sure boxes are folded flat so they will fit into the container.



- * Recycling & Garbage
- * Why Can't I Recycle....
- Shred Events



AUGUST 2023

I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. Corridor Improvements

Beginning in late summer 2023, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin construction on Interstate 5 in DuPont near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is the third in a series of projects that widens I-5 to add HOV lanes between DuPont and Lakewood.

Improvements coming to DuPont and JBLM

In addition to extending the I-5 HOV lanes, construction crews will make improvements that enhance mobility and safety in DuPont and near the JBLM DuPont Gate at exit 119, including:

- A new bridge spanning I-5 and the railroad.
 The new bridge will feature a partial Diverging
 Diamond Interchange and a shared-use path for
 pedestrians and bicyclists between JBLM and
 DuPont.
- Direct access between JBLM and both directions of I-5
- A new roundabout connecting Steilacoom-DuPont Road and the new overpass.

The project will also add a new signal at the intersection of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Mounts Road (exit 116) and improve the I-5 vertical clearance over Pendleton Avenue.

What you can expect

Construction will begin in summer 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2026. The project consists of multiple stages that involve overnight and weekend ramp closures, lane shifts onto temporary pavement, potential speed limit reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian detours. Crews will contain dust and debris to the construction site and will intimize noise as much

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Joint Base Lewis-McChord

The project extends HOV lanes in both directions into DuPont.

Stay connected

Follow us on Twitter @WSDOT_Tacoma

Check out our Facebook page: facebook.com/WSDOT

Project hotline: 206-467-2171

Scan the QR code or visit: wsdot. wa.gov/construction-planning/ search-projects/i-5-mounts-rdsteilacoom-dupont-rd-corridorimprovements



For updated weekly ramp and lane

closure schedules, visit: wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/

as practical. Clear signage will indicate required detours throughout the project.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information: This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing the Office of Equity and Civil Rights at wsdotada@wsdot. wa.gov or by calling toll free, 855-362-4ADA(4232). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make a request by calling the Washington State Relay at 711.

Title VI Notice to Public: It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090. 23-08-0293

WSDOT: I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements outreach links:

Online open house:

https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-5-mounts-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd/

WSDOT Blog:

https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2023/09/i-5-hov-dupont-jblm.html

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIDRY3j6DNI&t=1s

The WSDOT Facebook page also has a post linking the blog and online open house:

https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT/

Public Services



CITY OF DUPONT WATER MAIN FLUSHING



The City of DuPont periodically flushes the pipes in our water system to remove rust and sediment, which helps ensure you receive clean, reliable water. Flushing forces high-velocity flows through the pipes and out through fire hydrants. Along with scouring the inside of water mains, this also helps us find and repair malfunctioning valves and hydrants before they cause problems. Water department crews will likely begin flushing in October 2023 and should complete the program in early 2024.

What to Expect-

- During flushing, you might see utility crews working at hydrants and valves in intersections and at the end of cul-desacs.
- Your water pressure may decrease during flushing, and you may see discoloration. This is temporary, not harmful
 and should clear up quickly.
- Avoid running the tap or turning on appliances that use water, such as dishwashers and clothes washers, when flushing is happening in your area.
- If you get discolored water or find sediment in your water, remove any aerators from your faucets and run the cold tap for a few minutes or until the water runs clear.
- Make sure your first load of laundry after flushing is dark clothes only.

If you have questions during normal business hours about our flushing programs, or if your water does not clear up within a short time after flushing is completed, please contact our Water Quality Section at (253) 964-8121 or publicworks@dupontwa.gov.

After business hours, call the Public Works Afterhours Emergency Contact Line at (253) 912-5389.

2024 License Renewal Information:

As the 2023 year comes to an end, the rental housing business licenses and pet licenses for the City of DuPont will need to be renewed for 2024. All licenses are renewed through our online portal, SmartGov. Renewal notices will be automatically emailed to existing license holders. Please add noreply@smartgovcommunity.com to your safe senders list and check your junk email folders for those notices coming soon.





Want a natural tree in your business?

Naturally cut trees are allowed in your business when done properly!

- The trunk bottoms must be cut off not less than 1/2 inch above the original cut.
- The tree needs to be placed in a support device. The device shall hold the tree securely and be of adequate size to avoid tipping over the tree.
- The support device needs to hold the proper amount of water per the chart to the right.
- The tree must be removed from the building whenever the needles or leaves fall off readily when a tree branch is shaken or if the needles are brittle and break when bent. The tree shall be checked daily for dryness.

For any questions, you may contact the local Building Official, Ray Shipman at 253-912-5216.

Support Stand Water Capacity

TREE STEM	MINIMUM SUPPORT
DIAMETER	STAND WATER
(inches)	CAPACITY
	(gallons)
Up to 4	1
4 to 6	1 1/2
7 to 8	2
9 to 12	3
13 and over	4

Community News



THE DUPONT COMMUNITY GARDEN CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Christmas Cookie Sale

Sponsored by

The DuPont Community Garden



Order starting Nov. 27 for a two pound box of delicious homemade Christmas cookies (mixed variety). Limited supply available! We are taking orders until Dec. 11th or sold out. \$30 per box-cash or credit accepted. Your order supports our mission to provide fresh produce to the Lakewood and Thurston County food banks.

Email your order to: sales@dupontcommunitygarden.org. Leave your name, phone number, email address and number of boxes desired. Pick-up at the DCG garden located on Powerline Rd. off Center Dr. on Saturday Dec. 16 from 10 am to noon.

DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year.



(Category) Description Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other		4
(11) Structure Fire		5
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire		7
(14) Natural vegetation fire		11
(15) Outside rubbish fire		0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition		1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other		2
(31) Medical assist		16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	21	563
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		37
(33) Lock-In		0
(35) Extrication, rescue		1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue		2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other		0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks		6
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition		3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		1
(50) Service call, other	5	54
(51) Person in distress		9
(52) Water Problem		1
(53) Smoke, odor problem		2
(54) Animal problem or rescue		1
(55) Public service assistance		36
(56) Unauthorized burning		1
(60) Good intent call, other	1	10
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		45
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		2
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		12
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency		1
(70) False alarm and false call, other		16
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		4
(73) System or detector malfunction		31
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)	2	19
(91) Citizen complaint		2
Unknown		0
TOTALS	29	905

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	4	115
Mary Bridge	2	63
St. Clare	6	122
St. Joseph	1	40
St. Peters		11
Tacoma General	1	18
TOTAL	14	370
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ALS	15	381
BLS	6	218

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	9	192
0800-1649	13	427
1700-2359	7	286
TOTAL	29	905

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	7	106
Monday	2	106
Tuesday	3	125
Wednesday	6	163
Thursday	6	157
Friday	3	130
Saturday	2	118
TOTAL	29	905

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	2	66
DPF Provided	0	53
Multiple Calls	3	106

Safety Message - Winter Holiday Fire Facts and Christmas Tree & Decoration Fires

Winter Holiday Fire Facts

- U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 790 home structure fires per year that began with decorations, excluding Christmas trees. These fires caused an annual average of 4 civilian fire deaths, 33 civilian fire injuries and \$14 million in direct property damage.
- Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in more than two in five home Christmas tree fires.
- Nearly one in five Christmas tree fires were started by lamps or bulbs. Eight percent were started by candles.
- Roughly two of every five home Christmas tree fires started in the living room.
- Candle fires peak in December and January with 11 percent of candle fires in each of these months.
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.
- Year round, one-third (33%) of home decoration fires were started by candles. This jumped to almost half in December when candles started 46% of such fires. Cooking started one-fifth (19%) of decoration fires.

Source: NFPA's Applied Research

Christmas Tree & Decoration Fires

• Carefully decorating your home can help make your holidays safer. Between 2017-2021, US fire departments responded to an average of 150 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year. US fire departments responded to an estimated average of 793 home structure fires per year that began with decorations, excluding Christmas trees.

DuPont Fire Department

Safety Message - Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- Almost one third of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- (!) Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be
- (!) A heat source too close to the tree causes more than one in every five of the fires.

Your Logo



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education @NFPA 2020





Kids!!

To participate in a Holiday Mad Lib activity, please go to https:// www.sparky.org/activities and check it out. There are also many other fun learning activities on this site.



DuPont Police Department



Weekly Activity Report

Duty * Professionalism * Dedication



Total Calls for Service 11/13/23 – 11/26/23: 476 Average per day: 34

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 09 Agency Assist
- 09 Citizen Assist
- 12 Community Oriented Policing
- 01 Disorderly/Neighbor Dispute
- 04 Domestic Violence/Verbal
- 01 Harassment
- 01 Incorrigible Juvenile
- 02 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 01 Narcotics Activity
- 01 Noise Complaint
- 01 Report of possible fireworks/shots heard (attempt to locate)
- 01 Suicide Threat
- 03 Subject Stop
- 04 Suspicious Person
- 07 Suspicious Vehicle
- 143 Traffic Stops
- 02 Traffic Complaint
- 02 Trespass Warning
- 04 Unwanted Person/Loiterer
- 02 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 03 Motor Vehicle Collision/Hit & Run
- 02 Theft
- 01 Theft from Vehicle

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

01 Assault 4th Degree/Domestic Violence (agency assist)

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

01 Arrest - Assault 4th Degree/Domestic Violence (agency assist) - booked into jail



REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!







DuPont Police Department

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- During the Thanksgiving holiday, officers conducted emphasis patrols.
- A citizen took part in a ride along with an officer.
- Speed emphases were conducted throughout the city.
- Officers participated in ongoing training.
- DuPont officers greeted students, parents, and staff at the local schools.

Marine Toys for Tots Toy Drive

For the fourth year, the DuPont Police Department is proud to partner with the Marine Forces Reserve in supporting the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. The DuPont Police station is an official collection center for new, unwrapped toys. The collection box is located just inside the DPD station lobby. Our main lobby is open Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additional Toys for Tots collection boxes will be located at the following locations:

- DuPont City Hall 1700 Civic Dr., DuPont, WA 98327
- McNamara's Pub & Eatery 1595 Wilmington Dr., Dupont, WA 98327
- Farrelli's Pizza 1590 Wilmington Dr., Dupont, WA 98327
- Patriots Landing 1600 Marshall Cir, Dupont, WA 98327

Monday, December 4th is the last day to drop off a new, unwrapped toy before the collection boxes are picked up. Happy Holidays and Semper Fi!





As we enter the first major holiday of the season, your safety is our top priority, and we encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on the importance of gratitude, unity, and community during this special time. Please remember to:

TRAVEL SAFELY

If you're hitting the road, ensure your journey is smooth by obeying traffic laws and driving responsibly.





SECURE YOUR HOME

Whether you're traveling or staying local, take steps to secure your residence and belongings.

CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY

If your celebrations involve alcohol, designate a sober driver or use alternative transportation options.





BE MINDFUL OF OTHERS

Extend kindness and consideration to those around you, fostering a community spirit that makes DuPont a wonderful place to live.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, REMBEMBER THAT WE ARE HERE FOR YOU. DIAL 911 FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE.

City Council and Calendars

November 28, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Overview:

- Mayor Frederick swore in Shawna Gasak, newly elected Councilmember for Position No. 5.
- · Hearing regarding the Mid-Biennium Budget, first reading.
- Hearing regarding the extension on the Old Fort Lake Subarea Plan Moratorium, first reading.
- Resolution No. 23-020 Accepting the settlement agreement between Public Water Systems and the 3M Company
- Resolution No. 23-021 Accepting a settlement agreement between Public Water Systems and the Chemours Company ET.
- Approved Ordinance regarding a mandatory amendment to B&O tax code in the DuPont Municipal Code (DMC) 3.07.078.
- Ordinance No. 23-1131 Setting the 2024 EMS Property Tax Levy, Second Reading, approved.
- Ordinance No. 23-1132 Setting the 2024 Regular Property Levy, Second Reading, approved.
- Study Session: Business Grants Requirements

Helpful Meeting Links:

- City of DuPont Meetings can be watched live or later at: City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3 CeNJw40A).
- Regular Council Meetings can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV (https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings).
- Agendas, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available at the following link: https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/.
- Minutes, after they are passed, are available at: https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/.

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "**Download Agenda**".



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Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
12/4/2023	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
12/11/2023	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
12/11/2023	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
12/12/2023	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission-Canceled
12/12/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
12/14/2023	12:00 pm—2:00 PM	City Hall Closure for staff meeting
12/25/2023		City Hall CLOSED

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
12/9/2023	DuPont Museum Holiday Open House	DuPont Museum, 2:00 p.m.
12/17/2023	Board Game Day	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events
1/26/2024	Senior Luncheon	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)

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